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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA ON UN SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

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1. (SBU) PolOff discussed reftel points with the Foreign Ministry's Director for Multilateral Affairs, Carlos Cordero, on December 18. Cordero claimed to be unaware of any G-77 position or proposals for increasing the dues ceiling from 22 to 25 percent. Cordero stated that Costa Rica would prefer the status quo over a proposal being floated by Japan. On December 19, Deputy Director for Foreign Policy Edwin Arias declined to comment on the scale of assessments issue saying that instructions had not been issued since the Ministry was still consulting internally. On December 20, PolCouns passed reftel points to MFA Director for Foreign Policy Jose Joaquin Chaverri and to FM Stagno's Chief of Staff Antonio Alarcon. Chaverri reiterated that the MFA was still "studying" the issue.

2. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Post would appreciate information on the Japanese proposal referred to by Cordero. Please advise.  
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